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Hello there.

I have read reports of the Microsoft Anti-trust settlement, that refer to a deal where Microsoft gets to donate free computers and software to schools and education establishments as part of their reparations.

I think most people, myself included would consider this grossly unfair and contrary to natural justice.

Why should a company found guilty of monopoly and anti-competitive practices be allowed to FURTHER entrench their monopoly, by targetting one of the most influential markets for future business.

It will cost them a LOT less, as the software is nearly free to them. It is grossly unfair on other vendors selling into the education market (e.g. Apple Computer) as it gives Microsoft market share they couldn't EVER buy otherwise, and only the most perverted sense of justice would see it as anything other than a huge victory for Microsoft and a capitulation by those seeking to curb unethical practices.

I strongly urge those concerned to re-consider this settlement.

Regards

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